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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS OF COLORADO WING UNITS

Enclosed is your unit copy of CAP's 2005 *Annual Report to Congress* which reflects CAP's contributions to the nation and achievements as the Auxiliary of the United States Air Force. Data is as of the end of Federal Fiscal Year 2005. You, and key members of your staff, should review the report and the highlights and specific accomplishments of your wing, as listed below. This will better enable you and your squadron to speak knowledgeably about what CAP does for our communities and the state.

- We are Colorado's only state-wide all volunteer aviation first responder public safety organization
- Our more than 1,570 un-paid civilian volunteers – 631 cadets and 945 Senior Members – contributed over \$2,200,000 worth of services to their communities and the state
- We did this from our 32 community based units – from Durango to Grand Junction, from Steamboat Springs to Greeley, from Fort Collins to Pueblo, and throughout the Metro Denver area
- Operated and maintained our fleet of 13 power planes (Cessna 182s) and two sailplanes (gliders) with about 40 member owned airplanes available as well
- Flew our CAP power planes over 2,790 hours for an average of 214 hours per airplane (*exceeding* the national average requirement of 200 hours per airplane) – all flown responsibly and SAFELY
- Participated in 85 Air Force directed air Search and Rescue (SAR) missions and incidents and responded to 260 Air Force, state, and local incidents
- *Second in the nation with six lives saved*
- *Led the Rocky Mountain Region* with more SAR flying hours than any other state – 1,764 hours during 39 missions
- *Led the Rocky Mountain Region* with more CAP corporate flying hours than any other state – 1,032 hours on SAR exercise and Disaster Relief training, pilot proficiency, cadet orientation flights (includes AFROTC cadets at CU, CSU, and UNC), Homeland Security (HLS) and Counter Drug missions in support of Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies
- Participated in HLS flight training with the Colorado Air National Guard, US Army and Air Force
- Further developed our HLS infrastructure aerial reconnaissance capabilities as well as our ability to track slow and fast-moving surface targets
- Safely operated our 20 CAP vehicles – passenger vans, 4-WD SUVs, and communications van, to be deployed throughout the state for Emergency Services and mission support
- Operated and maintained a state-wide communications network of over 400 radio stations and 20 repeaters – the largest non-government and non-commercial system in Colorado
- Held a week long Cadet Encampment at the Air Force Academy for almost 200 of our cadets with the focus on positive new life experiences, leadership skills, and group and self-discipline
- Hosted two national cadet special activities – the Advanced Technologies Academy and the Space Familiarization Course at Peterson AFB for CAP cadets from Colorado and the nation

I encourage you to develop your own list of unit highlights and accomplishments for the past year to add to your "talking points" when discussing CAP with the media, elected officials, and emergency services organizations.



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